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In re U.S. Patent Application of:

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TITLE: STORAGE SYSTEM HAVING REDUNDANCY BLOCK, AND  
CONTROLLER, CONTROL METHOD, PROGRAM, AND STORAGE  
MEDIUM FOR STORAGE SYSTEM

Mail Stop Amendment

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This paper is herewith filed in response to the Office Action mailed on December 28, 2006, for the above-captioned U.S. Patent Application. This paper is deemed to be filed within the shortened statutory period and no petition or fee for an extension of time is required. However, should the undersigned attorney be mistaken, please consider this a petition for any extension of time that may be required to maintain the pendency of this Patent Application, and charge deposit account no.:09-0466 for any required fee deficiency.

Please amend the application as shown below.